BOARD OF SELECTMEN and FINANCE COMMITTE

Minutes of the Meeting of 7 April 2005 at 4:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Nantucket High School Cafeteria, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board of Selectmen present were Bruce Watts, Whiting Willauer, Michael Glowacki and Brian Chadwick. Douglas Bennett was absent. Members of the Finance Committee present were Rick Atherton, Jenny Garneau, Gregory Keltz, Bruce D. Miller, Michael Rosen, Lindsey Perry, Christopher Kickham and Phillip Bartlett. Chairman Bartlett called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Town Administration: Review of Technical Amendment to Article 15 of 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Town Administrator Libby Gibson noted that the Finance Director is proposing to speak on a technical amendment to Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting, which are budget transfers from Airport and Solid Waste retained earnings to expenses. A brief discussion followed and Mr. Perry moved approval; seconded by Mr. Keltz. So voted.

Review of Finance Committee Motion on Article 61 (Home Rule Petition: Community Housing Bank). Town Administrator Libby Gibson explained the proposed changes to Article 61 and after a brief discussion, Mr. Perry moved to approve the changes; seconded by Mr. Atherton. So voted.

Review of April 12, 2005 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles with Board of Selectmen. Chairman Glowacki called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 4:20 PM and summarized the Board's discussion thus far with regard to the Special Town Meeting (STM) articles. Nantucket resident Kent Murphy, author of Article 1 of the STM, spoke on his article which proposes to pay for the cost of implementing the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) through redirecting half of the existing Land Bank fees. After some discussion, Mr. Miller moved to give an unfavorable recommendation to Article 1; seconded by Mr. Rosen. So voted.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning Article 2 of the STM, authored by Matt Fee, which proposes a new transfer tax to fund the CWMP. Former selectman Finn Murphy spoke on the article as did Tom Nevers resident Nancy Wheatly. It was noted that Town Counsel DeRensis is working on a motion for this article and some discussion followed concerning this issue. Mr. Keltz stated he is not inclined to favor this article as he has not had time to study the motion. Mr. Miller concurred. After some additional discussion on this article, Mr. Keltz moved to give an unfavorable recommendation on the article; seconded by Mr. Miller. So voted.

Mr. Murphy stated that he is proposing to withdraw Article 3 and after some discussion, Mr. Keltz moved to give an unfavorable recommendation on this article; seconded by Mr. Kickham. So voted.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning Article 4 of the STM (appropriating the funding for the Surfside treatment plant upgrade). Speaking on the article were Nantucket residents Finn Murphy, Nancy Wheatly, Don Harleman, Charity Benz, Kent Murphy, selectmen Glowacki, Watts, Willauer and Chadwick, and Public Works Director Jeff Willett. Discussion also focused on Town Counsel DeRensis' motion for the article and Mr. Keltz stated that he would like the Finance Committee to "craft its own motion." Mr. Miller suggested that no action be taken today. Chairman Glowacki recapped what actions the Board of Selectmen has taken thus far to find mechanisms for funding the project and discussion ensued about the time constraints the town is under with Town Meeting scheduled to begin next week. Mr. Murphy suggested the Special Town Meeting be adjourned to either a "date certain or not" and discussion followed concerning this issue.

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At 6:00 PM, the Board of Selectmen meeting was adjourned.

The Finance Committee continued discussion on whether to adjourn the entire STM to another date, or not, and it was finally agreed to vote on Articles 1, 2 and 3 and adjourn Article 4 to another date.

Finance Director Connie Voges distributed copies of a Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Report to Committee members.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Approved the day of 2005.